

PUBLIC MEETING
January 21, 2003

Chair Anita Varone called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

Commissioners Murray and Tinsley were present. Others attending all or a portion of the meeting included Ron Alles, Nancy Everson, Audra Zacherl, Frank Rives, Michael McHugh, Sheldon Bartel, Jerry Shepherd, Marc Parriman, Kathy Moore, Jason Mohr, and Carole Byrnes.

Pledge of Allegiance. Everyone recited the pledge.

Gateway Economic Development Corporation. Gateway's Executive Director, Sheldon Bartel presented a summary of Gateway's 2003 budget and the county's contribution to Gateway. As of December 31, 2002 Gateway had a \$2.7 million loan portfolio. Gateway has regional planning, provide marketing materials to attract business, conduct the cost of living survey for the American Chamber of Commerce. Since 1999, Gateway programs have played a role in the creation and retention of more than 343 jobs, and have enabled the investment of \$6.5 million into local businesses and projects. Lewis and Clark County is predicting growth outside the city limits, and is ranked 11th out of 56 counties for income growth. Future growth with Gateway EDC includes a five-year business attraction plan, business retention and promotion programs, improved lending capacity, strengthen public-private partnerships. The 2003 budget accounts for 7% of the \$343,000 total budgeted sources. Lewis and Clark County's budgeted sources is \$24,500 and accounts for 7% of the loan fund. The Lewis and Clark County revolving loan fund accounts for 11% of total managed funds Gateway.

Proposed Subdivision, Summary Review to be Known as French Minor. The applicant Tom French proposes to create two lots, each for existing single-family dwelling. The property is generally located north of York Road and east of and adjacent to Helberg Drive. Michael McHugh reported neither the applicant, nor his representative Jim Taylor is present and staff recommended the Commission postpone this proposal. Commissioner Murray moved to table this proposal until Thursday January 23. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Final Plat Approval for the Amended Lot 1 Hoff Minor. Frank Rives reported the applicant Randy Christianson has met all of the conditions of approval. The internal access road (Hillcrest Road) has been certified by his engineer, Ed Casne. By consensus, the Commissioners agreed to sign the final plat after the meeting.

CTEP Local Match Request, Spring Meadow Lake Trail. Audra Zacherl reported the county is requesting \$15,000 from the Open Space Board Advisory Committee (OSBAC) toward the completion of the Spring Meadow/Ryan Park/Northwest Park Trail. The county needs to provide \$21,000 in match money. Staff recommended that the Commissioners approve the request. Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve the request and authorized the chair to sign the letter to the city. Commissioner Murray

seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Final Reports to FEMA: Fire Education Trailer/Command Center. Audra Zacherl recommends approval of the performance report and final financial report which are due January 29. Commissioner Murray moved to approve and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Contract Amendment: CTEP Sierra Road Path. Audra Zacherl reported Robert Peccia and Associates was contracted for this project and listed four private parcels for acquisition and one parcel for an easement. After the property research was complete by the surveyor an additional private parcel was noted is necessary to acquire in order to build the project. The additional parcel is owned by Montana Deaconess Preparatory School, a/k/a Intermountain Children's Home. The additional cost for this acquisition is \$1,750. Commissioner Tinsley moved to approve the contract amendment in the amount of \$1,750 and authorize the chair to sign. Commissioner Varone seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Board of Investments, InterCap Loan Application. Nancy Everson reported the InterCap loan application is for the county courthouse remodel project which includes an upgrade of the mechanical and electrical system. The total cost of the project is \$975,000. The down payment of \$300,000 is from the Capital Development fund, and \$675,000 is borrowed from the loan program over 10 years. Commissioner Tinsley moved to table to Thursday, January 23 to review the financial impact. Commissioner Murray seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Letter of Support for the North Hills Grant. Kathy Moore reported the WQPD has received a grant to study availability of water in the north hills area. A legislative hearing is scheduled for this grant tomorrow morning and requested that the county sign a letter supporting the grant application. Commissioner Murray moved that the commission endorse the grant. Commissioner Tinsley seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

There was no other business and the meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.